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PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Luca GIACOMINI

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

VALVE ACTUATOR FOR WATER  
HEATING/COOLING AND  
SANITARY SYSTEMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (amended) An improved actuator according to  
claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a covering cap  
which can be coupled, preferably in a removable manner, for  
example by a snap type of engagement, to said actuator support  
framework.--

R E M A R K S

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the  
changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The

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attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

7. An improved actuator according to ~~one or more of~~  
~~the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterized** in that it comprises  
a covering cap which can be coupled, preferably in a removable  
manner, for example by a snap type of engagement, to said  
actuator support framework.--